## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. 1.     A method for making travel related bookings, comprising:

2     providing access to a plurality of computer reservation systems (CRSs) for
3     a client initiating a travel booking request, CRSs including global distribution
4     systems (GDSs); and

5     allowing the client to book at least one travel item segment from any one
6     of the accessible CRSs.

1     2.     The method of claim 1, wherein a travel item segment is one of an
2     air segment, a car segment, or a hotel segment.

1     3.     The method of claim 1, further comprising, identifying each
2     booked travel item segment with a CRS designation.

1     4.     The method of claim 3, wherein the CRS designation is a name of
2     a CRS or a CRS locator.

1     5.     The method of claim 3, further comprising, storing a travel
2     itinerary booking record for the at least one booked travel item segment.

1     6.     The method of claim 3, further comprising, displaying the travel
2     itinerary booking record to the client.

1     7.     The method of claim 6, further comprising, allowing the client to
2     modify the travel itinerary booking record.

1     8.     The method of claim 1, wherein providing access to the plurality of
2     computer reservation systems (CRSs) for the client includes:

3     reading a predefined selection of the plurality of CRSs to be
4     accessed during the travel booking request; and

5    accessing the selected plurality of CRSs to check the availability of

6    travel items at the CRSs for the travel booking request.

1    9.    The method of claim 8, wherein the predefined selection of the

2    plurality of CRSs includes a default CRS or a primary CRS and at least one

3    secondary CRS.

1    10.    The method of claim 8, wherein allowing the client to book at least

2    one travel item segment from any one of the accessible CRSs includes:

3    displaying available travel items accessed from the selected

4    plurality of CRSs for the travel booking request;

5    allowing the client to select a desired travel item; and

6    for each selected travel item,

7    booking the selected travel item with the respective CRS.

1    11.    The method of claim 10, wherein only a lowest cost travel item

2    accessed from the selected plurality of CRSs is displayed.

1    12.    A travel management system (TMS) for making travel related

2    bookings, the TMS comprising:

3    a server to provide access to a plurality of computer reservation systems

4    (CRSs) for a client initiating a travel booking request, CRSs including global

5    distribution systems (GDSs); and

6    a booking engine to allow the client to book at least one travel item

7    segment from any one of the accessible CRSs.

1    13.    The travel management system of claim 12, wherein a travel item

2    segment is one of an air segment, a car segment, or a hotel segment.

1      14.    The travel management system of claim 12, further comprising, a

2    database to store a super passenger name record (PNR) including the at least one

3    booked travel item segment, the super PNR storing a CRS designation for each

4    booked travel segment.

1      15.    The travel management system of claim 14, wherein the CRS

2    designation is a name of a CRS or a CRS locator.

1      16.    The travel management system of claim 14, further comprising, a

2    client interface to cause the display of the super PNR to the client.

1      17.    The travel management system of claim 15, wherein the client

2    interface allows the client to modify the super PNR.

1      18.    The travel management system of claim 12, further comprising a

2    terminal access editor (TAE) to define a selection of the plurality of computer

3    reservation systems (CRSs) for the client to be stored in a database and accessed

4    during the travel booking request for the client.

1      19.    The travel management system of claim 18, wherein the booking

2    engine:

3    reads the database to determine the selected plurality of CRSs to be

4    accessed during the travel booking request; and

5    accesses the selected plurality of CRSs to check the availability of travel

6    items at the CRSs for the travel booking request.

1      20.    The travel management system of claim 19, wherein the selection

2    of the plurality of CRSs includes a default CRS or a primary CRS and at least one

3    secondary CRS.

1      21.    The travel management system of claim 19, further comprising a

2    client interface to:

3          display available travel items accessed from the selected plurality

4     of CRSs for the travel booking request at the client; and

5          allow the client to select a desired travel item.

1     22.    The travel management system of claim 21, wherein for each

2     selected travel item, the booking engine books the selected item with the

3     respective CRS.

1     23.    The travel management system of claim 21, wherein only the

2     lowest cost travel item accessed from the selected plurality of CRSs is displayed.

1     24.    A machine-readable medium having stored thereon instructions,

2     which when executed by a machine, cause the machine to perform the following:

3          providing access to a plurality of computer reservation systems (CRSs) for

4     a client initiating a travel booking request, CRSs including global distribution

5     systems (GDSs); and

6          allowing the client to book at least one travel item segment from any one

7     of the accessible CRSs.

1     25.    The machine-readable medium of claim 24, wherein a travel item

2     segment is one of an air segment, a car segment, or a hotel segment.

1     26.    The machine-readable medium of claim 24, further comprising,

2     identifying each booked travel item segment with a CRS designation.

1     27.    The machine-readable medium of claim 26, wherein the CRS

2     designation is a name of a CRS or a CRS locator.

1     28.    The machine-readable medium of claim 26, further comprising,

2     storing a travel itinerary booking record for the at least one booked travel item

3     segment.

1    29.    The machine-readable medium of claim 28, further comprising,
2    displaying the travel itinerary booking record to the client.

1    30.    The machine-readable medium of claim 29, further comprising,
2    allowing the client to modify the travel itinerary booking record.

1    31.    The machine-readable medium of claim 24, wherein providing
2    access to the plurality of computer reservation systems (CRSs) for the client
3    includes:

4         reading a predefined selection of the plurality of CRSs to be
5         accessed during the travel booking request; and

6         accessing the selected plurality of CRSs to check the availability of
7         travel items at the CRSs for the travel booking request.

1    32.    The machine-readable medium of claim 31, wherein the predefined
2    selection of the plurality of CRSs includes a default CRS or a primary CRS and at
3    least one secondary CRS.

1    33.    The machine-readable medium of claim 31, wherein allowing the
2    client to book at least one travel item segment from any one of the accessible
3    CRSs includes:

4         displaying available travel items accessed from the selected
5         plurality of CRSs for the travel booking request;

6         allowing the client to select a desired travel item; and

7         for each selected travel item,

8              booking the selected travel item with the respective CRS.

1    34.    The machine-readable medium of claim 33, wherein only a lowest
2    cost travel item accessed from the selected plurality of CRSs is displayed.